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Dear Bill,

The reason I said I'd send my original clips by a friend who has a xerox machine is because I am almost out of the special paper for my 3M machine and they haven't delivered the new supply I ordered, after 3 weeks. So, I'm almost entirely out of that paper. However, because I wanted you to have more and not to take my word, I did take the time, did find the Lardner story of which I told you, and it is evenbetter than I said (or worse, if you prefer). It says what is needed for the head

MASTER FRAME-UP ARTIST; GARRISON "BAG MAN".

Whichever way it goes, this is safe and the quotes are beautiful. He's said the same to me, even more explicitly, but this way you do not have to worry because it has been in print, unchallenged. Besides, the last thing in the world that henceforth will be likely is a peep from poor Pershing. The Government will be hiding him for the rest of his life, I suspect. A la Valachi, but out of jail.

They have to have shown him enough on him for him, savvy as he is, to have expected to spend the rest of his life in jail. His problem is not what Garrison would do to him, which is nothing, but what the syndicate would. And that does not have to be spelled out to him.

David Chandler, who did the N.O.Mag piece, was then one of Garrison's best friends and on the staff of the States-Item or had just left it for LIFE, where he now is. Garrison loaned him his own car for Chandler to use for his honeymoon, and Jim was his best man. They are now enemies and one possibility if a LIFE story by Chandler on the Mafia end, not as likely Gervais, for he has been concentratingon that for several years. It is probably his work or what was fed to him that led to the State mafia inquiry.

The administration has been making a big play for La. Agnew has been there a half dozen times of which I know. Garrison is close to McKeithen (outwardly and politically- personalyy despises him now) and is probably the most popular Demo in the state, more than even McK. So, for an u nanounced Sputhern strategy, can you see what might be involved.

Anyway, I'll take this into town and mail it tonight, so you should have it Tuesday a.m., with luck tomorrow.

Best,